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# Little Pimples Turn to Cancer.

Cancer often results from an impurity in the blood, inherited from generations back. Few people are entirely free from some taint in the blood, and it is impossible to tell when it will break out in the form of dreaded Cancer. What has appeared to be a mere pimple or scratch has developed into the most malignant Cancer.

"I had a severe Cancer which was at first only a few blotches, but I thought would soon pass away. I was treated by several able physicians, but in spite of their efforts the Cancer spread until my condition became alarming. After many months of treatment and growing steadily worse, I decided to try S. S. S., which was so strongly recommended. The first bottle produced an improvement. I continued the medicine, and in four months the last little seed dropped off. Ten years have elapsed, and not a sign of the disease has returned."  
—R. F. Williams, Williamsburg, Mass.

It is dangerous to experiment with Cancer. The disease is beyond the skill of physicians. R. F. S. is the only cure, because it is the only remedy which goes deep enough to reach Cancer.

# S.S.S. For the Blood

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## Fatal Interest.

Mrs. Dothetown—Poor, dear child! are your parents dead?  
Tennent Tommie—I think you are. Him an' me was a-brightin' when I left an' ge, she wasn't doin' a thing 't him."

If we do our duty we do our part.

The flower of gratitude should never fade in the heart's conservatory.

## The Hog Louse.

Bulletin 169 of the Department of Agriculture says: The hog louse is the only insect which causes much trouble in raising hogs, and when it once becomes established in a drove it is not easily exterminated. Fortunately the lice are so large that they can be seen easily, and their presence may therefore be known before they become very abundant. They are liable to appear at any season of the year, and they thrive on hogs of any age or condition. They are found in and behind the ears, back of the shoulders, and in the crosses on the lower part of the ham more frequently than elsewhere; if those places are free from them there is little danger that they exist on other parts of the animal. Coal oil is sure death to every louse it touches, but does not always kill the eggs, and must be used with caution to prevent its blistering the skin of the hog. When a large drove is to be treated, the work can be done very quickly by using a spray pump having an attachment for mixing the oil and water, and the pump should be set so that it will use about five parts of water to one part of oil. When such a mixture is thrown over the hogs in a fine spray, only a little of the oil is used to cover the whole animal, and if the spraying is done in the evening, nearly all of the oil will have evaporated by morning and there will be no blistering of the skin when the hogs are exposed to the hot sun on the following day. So little oil is used in the spraying that few of the eggs will be killed, and the work should be repeated at the end of a week, and again at the end of the second week. If the work is thoroughly done, three sprayings will be sufficient. If a spray pump is not available, the hogs should be rubbed with a mixture containing two parts of lard oil to one of coal tar, repeating twice at intervals of a week. The sleeping places should be thoroughly cleaned, the bedding burned, and the inside of the buildings thoroughly wet with coal oil.

Even with the most thorough treatment it requires time and patience to clean a drove which has become badly infested, but it must be done if the hogs are to be kept in a thriving condition. It is not difficult to destroy the larger part of the lice, but that is not sufficient, for where there are even a few eggs left in the ears or under the folds of a single animal the pest will soon become as bad as ever. Lice never infest clean hogs when they are not brought from an infested drove, and the hog raiser who has a clean herd can not be too careful to keep it so. No stray hog should be allowed on the premises, and any which are purchased should be examined very carefully before they are allowed to run with the others. The oil mixture should always be kept close at hand where it can be used immediately if any indications of lice are seen. It is much easier to kill a few lice on a few animals than to clean a thoroughly infested herd.

## Dairy vs. Creamery.

Under above head the Northwestern Creamery Journal says: Many buttermakers, at the creamery and home dairy, fail to receive a remunerative price for their product, the reason being that they do not supply the market requirements as to quality. As the art of buttermaking advances—and it has made wonderful progress during the past two years—the public taste for something better has kept pace with it, until today butter that will grade first and extra is in demand. Poor butter cannot be disposed of except in limited quantities, and at a low market price. It is an undeniable fact that although buttermaking at the creamery has reached a high degree of perfection, buttermaking at the dairy has shown little or no improvement. Every farmer who owns a herd of dairy cows would find it much more profitable to take his milk to the creamery than to attempt to manufacture a high grade of dairy butter without the machinery, utensils and facilities for so doing. Too many attempt the latter, and as a result, the common barrel of the country store finds most of the so-called butter. In time, through the lessons taught by individual dairymen, there may be an awakening along this line, but the progress is discouragingly slow and there are few dairies whose product can equal that manufactured at a first-class creamery. These few find that dairying pays good dividends. If you are desirous of financial benefit through the keeping of a dairy herd, make up your mind to do one of two things.

Remedy for Gapes.—I have seen and tried a great many remedies for gapes in chickens, and all to no effect. I will give one I tried this year (my own). It has proved successful with me, and that is saying a good deal, for I have raised, or tried to raise, a great many chickens for a great many years and have always lost many with the gapes. I mix up some corn meal and best mill bran, sift a little oyster-shell in it; then cut up one or two green onions, tops and all, and mix them with the other feed. I wet this up with hot water every morning. I have not been troubled with the gapes this year, and the chickens are running over the same ground as before, and have had the same care, with the exception of the onions.—John Marriott, in Country Gentleman.

## Crammed Quarters.

"They say that at some of those summer resorts the rooms are so small a man can't have his valise in with him."

## Electricity for Brains.

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The story of "The Movement of Wheat"—certainly a story that does not lack for large and romantic incidents—will be told, with abundant illustrations, in McClure's Magazine for December, by Ray Stannard Baker. In gathering his material, Mr. Baker made a careful tour of the great wheat farms, the great elevators, and the great exchanges, besides carefully studying the documents and statistics of the agricultural department.

Excursion to Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, North and South Carolina, from Houston & Texas Central points, Dec. 20, 21 and 22, tickets limited 30 days. Rate one fare round trip. Quickest route to New Orleans, and points in Southeast via New Orleans, is via Houston, the route of Sunset-Central Special.

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On Tuesday, Jan. 23, a special vestibuled train of Pullman palace cars, observation and dining cars will start from Chicago, going to the City of Mexico and to other prominent cities of the republic and back to Chicago again, making the tour of all Mexico complete. The party will be strictly limited and absolutely first class. Tickets include all expenses everywhere. The tour is under the personal escort and direction of Mr. Beau Campbell, general manager of The American Tourist Association. For maps, books of the tour, tickets, etc., call on agents of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

The Baltimore and Ohio lines west of the Ohio River present a very busy appearance these days, as there is scarcely a ten mile stretch without a bridge or a construction gang at work. There are still a few of the 53 bridges purchased last January to be erected, and almost all of the 29,000 tons of 85 pound rails have been laid. At several points sidings of 100 car capacity are being constructed, and between Newark and Chicago Junction thousands of men are working on extensive grade reductions. Between Chicago Junction and Chicago nearly a score of passing sidings are being constructed with a view of a double track some time in the future. They are to be long enough in most cases to hold three 50 car trains.

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## [LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 94,251]

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The way women trifle with health shows a degree of indifference that is past understanding. Happiness and usefulness depend on physical health; so does a good disposition. Disease makes women nervous, irritable and unsocial. The very effort of ailing women to be good-natured makes them nervous. Write to Mrs. Pinkham, she will help you to health and happiness. It costs nothing to get Mrs. Pinkham's advice. Her address is Lynn, Mass.

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